

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- ✱ COMMUNITY SAFETY
- ✱ REDUCE RECIDIVISM
- ✱ TEACH PROBATIONERS NEW SKILLS
- ✱ INCREASE OFFENDER SUCCESS
- ✱ LINK OFFENDERS TO EMPLOYERS
- ✱ COMMUNITY NETWORKING
- ✱ JUVENILE SCHOOL SUPPORT



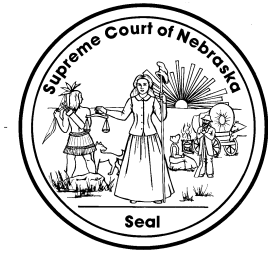
Administrative Office of the Court and Probation

P.O. Box 98910

Lincoln, NE 68509-8910



NEBRASKA STATE PROBATION



RISE

RURAL IMPROVEMENT
FOR SCHOOLING
AND
EMPLOYMENT



NEBRASKA STATE PROBATION'S RISE PROGRAM

Rural Improvement for Schooling and Employment (RISE), an AmeriCorps program, was created by Nebraska State Probation to increase opportunities for offenders in rural communities.

Evidence-based practices show the success of an individual's probation is enhanced when additional attention is given to the education and employment aspects of the plan. With financial support provided by AmeriCorps grants, RISE Specialists are assigned to less densely populated areas in Nebraska that may not have the same opportunities available as urban areas. Team members work with probation officers and probationers, providing group sessions and hands-on assistance to strengthen and teach new skills needed to obtain/maintain employment and education. This program is available to both juvenile and adult offenders in order to increase community safety and reduce recidivism for all.



ACCESSING RISE

A probationer can become involved in the program through several different avenues. Some may be required to participate through a court order or through the sanction process. Some offenders may access the program through a referral from their probation officer. Offenders may be identified either by an expressed need or through a specialized assessment.

GROUP FACILITATION

Participants in the RISE program are required to attend group sessions focused on specific educational and/or employment skills. The RISE Program Curriculum consists of 9 sessions-6 of which target employment skills and 3 target educational skills. The employment groups will teach probationers interview skills, how to fill out applications and how to create a resume. The education groups will assist probationers in targeting a specific interest area in education and provide information on financial aid. The juvenile school support targets youth struggling in school academically, as well as with attendance and attitude. The groups include topics such as test taking strategies, positive study habits, motivational, and educational skills. Probationers will learn new skills and will learn ways in which to adapt this learning to real-life situations.

**"Participates will use
these new-found skills
to RISE to their future."**



NETWORKING

The RISE Program is currently available in eight probation districts, providing services for offenders in specific counties. The RISE Specialist networks with area businesses and schools in these counties to build working relationships and knowledge they share with probationers in group.

COUNTIES SERVED

Madison/Pierce/Stanton/Wayne
402.371.8568

1108 Riverside Blvd, Suite A & B
Norfolk, NE 68701

Platte/Seward/York/Colfax
402.563.4910

2610 14th Street
Columbus, NE 68602

Adams
402.461.7225
300 N. St. Joseph, Rm 210
Hastings, NE 68901

Hall/Howard
308.385.6216
117 East 1st St
Grand Island, NE 68801

Lincoln
308.534.4350
111 West 3rd Street, Suite 1
North Platte, NE 69101

Gage/Jefferson
402.223.1338
612 Grant Street, Rm 19
Beatrice, NE 68310

Dodge/Washington/Dakota
402.727.2790
320 N. Main
Fremont, NE 68025

Scotts Bluff
308.436.6655
1825 10th Street, #10
Gering NE, 69341

